NABARD aid to groundwater recharging schemes

962. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NABARD is getting Rs. 1800 crore for groundwater recharging schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the areas identified for this purpose; and

(c) the present status of groundwater schemes in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) As envisaged in the Union Budget Speech for 2007-08, a sum of Rs. 1,800 crore is to be transferred to NABARD to be held in an escrow account for disbursement to the beneficiaries. NABARD is a Fund Manager for the Scheme, while the State Groundwater Agencies are implementing bodies and the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) is the Monitoring Agency.

The scheme covers Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan.

(c) The present status of Groundwater Schemes in Andhra Pradesh is as under:

(Rs. in Lakh)

Period	Particulars	Central Government Sponsored Schemes	State Government Schemes	Institutional Schemes	
				Bank Loan	Units
2005-06	Ground Water Development Schemes			4373.794	18890
2006-07				3584.218	8490
2007-08		NIL	NIL	216.164	4200
2005-06	Ground Water Recharge Schemes		NIL	NIL	NIL
2006-07			NIL	NIL	NIL
2007-08		23 Units* (Rs. 130.64 lakh)	NIL	NIL	NIL

* Source: CGWB, Hyderabad. The 23 recharge structures include 15 check-dams and 8 percolation tanks.

Reverse mortgage scheme for senior citizens

963. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are initiating reverse mortgages scheme for senior citizens;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and